

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 3592**

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By Mr. Patrick of Falmouth, petition of Matthew C. Patrick and others for legislation to regulate the operation of certain all terrain vehicles (ATVs) by persons under the age of eighteen. Transportation.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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### **PETITION OF:**

Matthew C. Patrick  
Barbara A. L'Italian

Thomas P. Kennedy

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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### **AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHILD SAFETY ON ATVS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 1e the following section:—  
3     Section 1F. All terrain vehicles motorized bicycles (including but  
4 not limited to dirt bikes) shall be subject to the registration, title and  
5 insurance requirements of this chapter. Sellers of such vehicles shall  
6 distribute safety information including state laws, safety require-  
7 ments and training programs prepared by the registry of motor vehi-  
8 cles. No person under 18 years of age shall operate such vehicles  
9 without having completed a training program certified by the reg-  
10 istry. No person under the age of 16 shall operate an adult sized ATV  
11 (over a 90cc engine). Adult sized ATV's cannot be sold for use by  
12 persons under the age of 16 years of age. No person under the age of  
13 14 shall operate ATV or snowmobiles.  
14    If a person operating any such vehicle violates in part or in whole  
15 this section a report shall be filed under Section 51A of Chapter 119  
16 against the parents or guardian. If such person is convicted of vio-  
17 lating in part or in whole Section 1F, the parent or guardian shall be  
18 subject to a 30 day suspension of their operator's license. Upon the  
19 registration of the all terrain vehicle or motorized bicycle the parent  
20 or guardian shall sign an acknowledgement of the suspension and  
21 the filing a report under said section 51A.